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TAGS: SNAR, TU

SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN

REF: STATE 042282 AND 047887

1. EMBASSY INFORMED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT MARCH 3 OF U.S. ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE GOT IN DIALOGUE ON OPIUM BAN QUESTION AND URGED GOC TO SUPPORT U.S. EFFORTS TO DISSUADE GOT FROM REVOKING BAN. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS WITHOUT RESPONSE, DCM TOOK UP MATTER WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS. ON MARCH 11 EMBOFF ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE TO EXTAFF THAT GOC DEL TO OECD CONSORTIUM MEETING ON TURKEY WOULD BACK UP U.S. DEL'S REMARKS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA. 3 OF DEPARTMENT'S 047887. AS OF NOW, MATTER IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

2. ALTHOUGH EXTAFF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED ARE SYMPATHETIC IN PRINCIPLE, WE UNDERSTAND EXTAFF'S TURKISH DESK HAS RAISED QUESTION ABOUT WISDOM OF GOC STICKING NECK OUT ON SENSITIVE TURKISH
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DOMESTIC ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS GOC FOR EARLIEST
POSSIBLE POSITIVE RESPONSE. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS,
IT MIGHT BE PROFITABLE IN MEANTIME FOR EMBASSY ANKARA
TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF USG/GOT DIALOGUE WITH
CANADIAN EMBASSY IN HOPES OF GENERATING RECOMMENDATION
FROM THAT QUARTER. IF SUCH DISCUSSION TAKES PLACE,
PLEASE DO NOT REVEAL KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNAL EXTAF
DIFFERENCES.
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